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## Legislators save tuition waiver

**TARA KULASH**  
Daily Egyptian

A proposed bill to cut tuition benefits from children of university employees did not pass Thursday in legislation.

House Bill 5531 proposed that tuition waivers available to state university employees and their children, upon reaching seven years of employment, be eliminated because of the struggling state budget.

SIUC joined the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University March 20 in opposition of the bill.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said he testified twice against the proposal. He said a large percentage — 60 percent — of people using the benefit are civil service workers with lower salaries.

“I think in the end after listening to a lot of people talk about that and especially the way it affected our faculty and the ability to recruit good faculty and staff ... they saw the reasoning for the policy that’s been enforced,” he said.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said the tuition waiver is an important benefit to the university’s faculty and staff. She said she is thankful representatives recognized the significance of it.

“Many of our employees have worked here for a long time and have worked for lower salaries, and have stayed with us because of this benefit,” Cheng said.

Rep. Luis Arroyo, who proposed the bill, said it would save the state \$387 million, according to the Illinois Education Association website. However, according to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, it would only have saved about \$8 million.

## Murphysboro woman struck, killed during street crossing



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Police and paramedics prepare to secure the scene of a vehicle-pedestrian collision Friday on Bridge Street in Murphysboro. The accident killed 57-year-old Murphysboro resident Viola Ganer on the scene after a vehicle struck her as she crossed the street.**

**ELI MILUER**  
Daily Egyptian

A woman was struck and killed by a vehicle while crossing a Murphysboro street Friday.

Viola Ganer, 57, of Murphysboro, was hit by a vehicle in the 600 block of Bridge Street at about 7:40 p.m., according to a police press release. The driver was found and identified, but the identity is being withheld pending the investigation, according

to the release.

Ganer was found lying in the street when paramedics arrived and had already died by the time treatment began, the release said.

As community members watched police and paramedics work in the taped-off scene of the crash, Ganer's shoes and wig lay nearly a block from her body.

A witness who requested not to be identified said Ganer had just left her house about 30 minutes before the crash.

She said the vehicle was a black truck, and had to have been going at least 50 mph when it hit Ganer.

"The truck just hit her like it was nothing," she said.

She said vehicles frequently drive through the area going well over the 30 mph speed limit.

Kevin Campbell, of Carbondale, said he knew Ganer well. He said Ganer was well-known and well-liked in the neighborhood.

He said the neighborhood is in a state of grief.

"It's just very unfortunate," he said.

He said he can remember several traffic accidents in the area during the years, but nothing fatal. He said there's a playground near where the accident happened, and any measure to try to prevent a similar accident should be looked into.

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## Campus, community prevail through darkness

**ASHLEY ZBOREK**  
Daily Egyptian

Students and community members gathered around Campus Lake Saturday to honor lost loved ones and raise money for suicide prevention.

Almost 200 participants showed up to the Out of the Darkness 2.2-mile walk around Campus Lake, including representatives from several suicide prevention programs.

Cailah Brock, coordinator of the walk and a junior from Benton studying plant and soil science, said she decided to plan the event after she attended one last fall in her

hometown.

“My father committed suicide in 2008. Going to that walk last year really helped me through it and my situation, and inspired me to do something like that here for the people of Carbondale,” Brock said.

Out of the Darkness walks are administrated by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the leading national non-profit suicide prevention organization.

Since the beginning stages of the event, Brock said she worked closely with LifeSavers, a Carbondale-based suicide and prevention program.



**Marilyn Teague, right, of Altamont, embraces her daughter Kim Winkles, of Fort Worth, Texas, Saturday after the Out of the Darkness Walk at Colyer Hall. Winkles' family and friends attended the walk in memory of her son Nicholas Winkles, who committed suicide May 2011. The suicide prevention walk was sponsored by LifeSavers and raised money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.**

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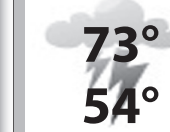


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- Annual music festival hosted by SIUC School of Music featuring internationally renowned performers and composers
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LifeSavers was established in 1985 after executive director Judy Ashby's 18-year-old son committed suicide.

"It is the utmost important thing for people in a crisis-like situation to know that there is someone there to talk to, someone who cares enough to listen, and that's what LifeSavers does," Ashby said. "We train people how to handle and support others with a severely depressed

or suicidal mindset."

LifeSavers now has chapters all over the southern Illinois region. With 18 participating high schools and two college chapters, the nonprofit organization educates and trains people to notice signs of depression and suicidal thoughts among their peers, she said.

Ashby, a trained counselor and training coordinator, said some of the main warning signs of suicide are pessimism, hopelessness, desperation, anxiety, sleeping problems, increased alcohol and

drug use, impulsiveness and unexpected anger.

"If you think someone you know is considering suicide, it's okay to approach them about it. You saying the word 'suicide' isn't going to put the idea in their head, because it is already there," Ashby said.

Blake Morrison, president of SIUC's chapter of LifeSavers and a sophomore from Carbondale studying business management, said he thinks the walk was a great success.

"College is a place where

people often become confused and emotional, especially with so many changes in their life occurring at once. That is why it is so vital for peers to be able to recognize the signs and know how to prevent suicidal situations," he said. "Suicide claims more than 36,000 lives every year. Every single one of those deaths could be prevented."

Sharee Dawn Roberts, co-director of Zack's Hope, a Kentucky-based suicide prevention group, was the opening speaker for the event.

Roberts said it was an honor to speak with others who've experienced similar loss.

"I think what Cailah has done here is great. There are people here from all over who have gone through the same traumatic situations joining each other to fight the same cause," she said.

The walk raised more than \$6,000 for AFSP.

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# 'Military friendly' college lists prompt concerns

JUSTIN POPE  
Associated Press

In press releases and ads, colleges love boasting they're "military friendly" and "veterans friendly" — and that isn't just because veterans are usually good students and campus leaders.

It's also because the newly expanded Post 9/11 G.I. Bill will pay colleges of all types around \$9 billion this year to educate nearly 600,000 veterans, and virtually every school wants to expand its slice of that pie.

But some schools touting their spots on proliferating lists of "military friendly" colleges found in magazine guides and websites have few of the attributes educators commonly associate with the claim, such as accepting military credits or having a veterans organization on

campus. Many are for-profit schools with low graduation rates.

The designations appear on rankings whose rigor varies but whose methods are under fire. Often, they're also selling ads to the colleges. Some websites help connect military and veteran students with degree programs that may match their interests, but don't disclose they are lead aggregators paid by the institutions — often for-profit colleges — whose programs they highlight.

"They're not real rankings," said Tom Tarantino, a veteran who is deputy policy director of the advocacy group Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "What they are is advertisement catalogues." Labeling them "a huge problem," he called for standards to be established for proper use of the term "military friendly" schools.

There are signs something like that may happen. But as with the U.S. News & World Report college rankings, demand for signaling devices to help consumers shortcut complicated choices could make such lists tough to dislodge. Many experts say the lists are symptoms of a wider problem: Service members aren't getting the advice they need to make sound decisions on using the substantially expanded education benefits. It's no surprise businesses are stepping into that void.

At a large military education conference last month in Florida, some educators criticized the lists and pushed for a sharpened definition of "military friendly" colleges, to be developed either by the federal government or an education coalition called Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges.

Meanwhile, Washington is

paying increasing attention to the broader problem of veterans getting reliable guidance. In recent weeks a slew of bills on the subject have surfaced.

The latest, unveiled Tuesday by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is called the "G.I. Bill Consumer Awareness Act" and would push colleges and the Department of Veterans Affairs to disclose more information on questions like licensing and job placement rates, and to develop policies to prevent misleading marketing.

Another bill would boost education counseling resources at the department, and separately, 14 senators have asked the department to trademark the term "G.I. Bill" so it will have more power to crack down on misleading advertising.

"It's not only these major lists, but all of these pay-to-play websites

that come up with these nefarious rankings," said Jim Sweizer, vice president of military programs at American Public University System. APUS operates two for-profit online universities, American Military University and American Public University. Founded in 1991 by a former Marine, it calls itself the largest provider of education to the military, with two-thirds of its nearly roughly 110,000 students in the Reserves, active duty, or veterans. But last year it boycotted the best-known "military friendly" list, published by G.I. Jobs magazine, saying the system had too many shortcomings.

"The people who suffer from this are the service-members who don't know any better," Sweizer said. "They see an ad that says, 'No. 1 ranked school,' but they don't say, 'by whom?'"

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# Dialogue dinner promotes cross-cultural living

**DE'VONTAE WEAVER**  
Daily Egyptian

Cultures mingled Thursday night at the fourth annual Dialogue Dinner.

Sponsored by the Intercultural Dialogue Student Association, the dinner's mission is to effectively represent students who believe in dialogue between cultures, according to the program's website.

The dinner, held in Ballroom B at the Student Center, opened with a slideshow of past trips to Turkey taken by members of the IDSA. The program offers the trip to staff and students each year with the intention of inspiring them to practice cross-cultural living.

Mark Amos, associate provost of University College, attended the Turkey trip in 2009. He said the trip was an eye-opening experience, and he encouraged everyone to consider going.

"At every stop, we were engaged in conversation with people wanting to explore a religion other than their own," he said. "It's that kind of open-minded, kind-hearted understanding of others that the IDSA stands for."

Among the invited speakers was Scott Alexander, associate professor of Islam at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

After opening with a traditional Arabic greeting meaning "peace be with you," Alexander gave a brief explanation of Islamic culture, which included a few readings from the Quran.

Noel Benson, a freshman from St. Louis studying Spanish education, said she enjoyed the dinner.

"As a Christian, I agreed with what Dr. Alexander had to say," she said. "I didn't know the Quran related somewhat to the Christian Bible."

Alexander said this is why he enjoys his work. He said sparking an interest in the minds of a younger generation to learn about another culture is what society needs.

"One thing that is important when discussing this cause is not the similarities of the cultures, but the differences," Alexander said.

He said while most people believe different is dangerous, it is the difference that makes people thrive in communities.

Cameron Flowers, a senior from Carbondale studying accounting, said the event inspired him to go out and experience a new culture.

"I believe that learning about other cultures makes you a well-rounded person and allows you to relate to those around you," he said.

## Walking to remember



**NATHAN HOEFERT** | DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Daniel Ordonez, left, a freshman from Chicago studying aviation technology, hands Amanda Phillips, of Carbondale, a water Sunday as she participates in the first walk-a-thon for John T. Warren outside Pulliam Hall. The goal of the walk, held by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., was to bring awareness to esophageal cancer. Warren, a professor of speech communication at SIUC, died of esophageal cancer one year ago today. "I hope this legacy can carry on to my children," said Gina Warren, the widow of John Warren. "My family is so grateful," she said.**

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## OUR WORD

# University harmed by leaders' friendly fire

What better way to harm the university's reputation than to have its leaders publicly broadcast their distaste for one another?

Just days after Board of Trustees members voted out Roger Herrin as chairman 4-2 on Thursday, Herrin and BOT member Don Lowery claimed the removal was the president's doing. The two also accused Poshard of weak leadership and asked the president to step down. Two days later, Poshard called a press conference to refute those claims.

Couldn't this argument have been taken care of in another manner?

The university received widespread negative media attention in November with its first-ever faculty strike. During that time, Poshard was quoted as saying he would "bet (the strike) already affected enrollment."

***Unlike presidential hopefuls who are seldom seen as role models, university leaders should be held accountable for setting a good example for students.***

Yet, Poshard thinks it's appropriate to call a press conference because he and two board members refuse to get along. He must think SIU's reputation couldn't possibly be harmed by turning this rift into a childish "he-said, she-said" debate.

Maybe none of them realize this, but they are not candidates in the 2012 primary elections, a venue that thrives on pointless bickering and finger-pointing. Unlike presidential hopefuls who are seldom seen as role models, university leaders should be held accountable for setting a good example for students —

especially if they expect these students to act with maturity.

Poshard used the press conference to make some serious claims against Gov. Pat Quinn's staff — claims which have been backed up by three other board members but disputed by Herrin and Lowery. Poshard claims the governor's staff tried bullying BOT members to resign or not attend the meeting if they didn't intend to reelect Herrin as chairman.

Rather than responding to Poshard's press conference in an appropriate manner, Herrin called Poshard's claims

"bullshit" and said Poshard made up the statement to deflect attention from his own leadership flaws.

We at the DAILY EGYPTIAN understand these types of accusations should not be taken lightly, but presenting them in such a fashion is childish and distracting. The public dispute made headlines the same day SIU hired a new basketball coach.

If university leaders want to avoid negative media coverage, don't call a press conference. And, if Poshard is as invested in this university as he says he is, he wouldn't have made such a selfish move by calling the press conference. He was watching out for his own back — and risked damaging the university's reputation even further.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Midway through semester, parking spots still scarce

DEAR EDITOR:

The other day I came to my 11 a.m. class 15 minutes early as usual to allow myself enough time to find a parking spot. After a quick pass through lots 10 and 13, I headed to the tennis courts. Once again, no spots were available.

With time running out, I parked in a designated blue spot in lot 13. To no surprise, I found that little green envelope under my windshield wiper. Furthermore, there were at least seven other cars that had the mark of the parking division. Twice now this semester I have missed class due to inadequate parking.

The choices are either show up an hour early, miss class or pay \$35 to park. Parking last semester was never an issue. There were always a few spots open at the tennis courts.

However, this semester parking has been a chronic issue. No doubt the destruction of the parking garage to build a student orientation center — created for those massive amounts of incoming freshman — has decreased parking spots. We all know that the increasing issue of parking is not a result of more students attending SIUC.

Past remedies offered for parking are almost as useful as spending \$1.5 million to try to boost enrollment. The idea of enrolling for 8 a.m. classes is literally not

***To no surprise, I found that little green envelope under my windshield wiper. Furthermore, there were at least 7 other cars who had the mark of the parking division.***

possible for most students since classes are only offered at one specific time block.

Parking across Route 51 is also not possible because I do not have time. I'm sure most students don't have the time either to spend 45 minutes before class parking and walking. Yes, faculty members pay for parking, but so do we, and our fees and tuition help pay for that faculty.

This among many other issues, I believe, will only hinder SIUC's attempt to increase enrollment. Most students I speak to agree that this is a small issue with big problems. Word of mouth, such as the recent ad buy, speaks to perspective students too. For me and my peers, that message is simple: SIUC should not be your first choice.

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# High heel dilemma: 'If the shoe fits' only applies to tiny-toed Barbies

DEAR EDITOR:

As graduation looms, I have begun transforming myself from a roll-out-of-bed, hoodie-and-jeans-wearing student to a professional-looking woman. At first, I had only the interview suit.

But this year, I've had to dress for internships. I have been practicing being an adult — getting up early, wearing business clothes and commuting to work. But I have not been able to handle one aspect of this new adultwear — the shoes.

As a woman, I am supposed to love shoes and have a closet full of them. But I don't and here's why. I have a normal shaped foot. I don't have a Barbie foot. If you look in men's shoe stores, all of the shoes look pretty similar — flat, thinner at the heel and wider as you head toward the toe.

Women's shoe stores, on the other hand, appear to be selling an item for a different body part. The women's shoe store is a colorful parade of stilts. I don't know about other women, but my heels are not naturally 5 inches higher than my toes. And I have five toes all in a row that do not form a point.

I tried on a pair of the popular platform heels, and while I expected my toes to be pinched and to lose my balance from the height, I was surprised by an even greater torture. The heels were so high that my

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feet and calf muscles were completely flexed and could not relax until the shoes were removed. Who can walk around like that? Look, I know some women have no problem wearing these kinds of devices, but there must be other women like me out there, right?

The problem is if you don't want to wear these stilts, there are very few options. There are flats that look like they were made for a second-grader with a very large foot, or there are mannish shoes that have no feminine aspect whatsoever.

Is there nothing in between? I want to dress like a professional woman while at work, but are these my only choices for footwear? Surely, as women, we can find a way to look attractive and still be able to walk around.

Angela Boley  
graduate student in law  
from Desoto

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# Pulse

## Palin unfortunately still riding airwaves

STAFF COLUMN

EIL MILEUR  
Daily Egyptian

It seems Sarah Palin just won't go away.

The former Alaska governor and failed vice-presidential candidate will apparently attempt to keep the spotlight shining on herself with a co-hosting spot on NBC's "Today Show". According to Business Insider, the episode will have special significance as it will pit Palin against Katie Couric, who will be hosting ABC's "Good Morning America," in a ratings war.

Perhaps the worst part of all of this is that it will bring back memories of those interviews Couric did with Palin during the 2008 election. If you were able to sit through more than a couple minutes of that devastating session, you'll know just how painful they were.

Fortunately, Palin and Couric won't be in the same room together, but Palin will doubtlessly find a way to make a fool of herself.

Her persistent presence in the media has got to be one of the more regrettable episodes in the national discourse of recent years. It was bad enough that she was even on the presidential ticket to begin with. After the smoke cleared from McCain's defeat, the least we could have hoped for was that Palin was nowhere in sight.

Instead, we got four more

years of her.

Everything that made her befuddling rise in national politics infuriating makes her media presence just as unbearable.

The sad thing is, when she's not on the campaign trail but is just mugging for cameras to keep that fame train a' going, she fits right in.

In the age of reality TV, the media are glutted with fame-hungry nobodies trying to claw their way to national prominence.

The most obvious examples are perennial tabloid queens the Kardashians and the cast of "Jersey Shore," best viewed with sunglasses lest their shamelessness blind you.

But just about every reality TV star is the same to some degree. They're almost all average — and let's be honest, not particularly remarkable — people, distinct almost entirely for the fact that they're clearly quite in love with being on camera.

In the good old days, people generally had to have some kind of talent before they made it on TV. Not so anymore; you just have to be hungry for attention.

In retrospect, shows like "Survivor" and "The Real World" seem like great art. Now the entire programing schedules of some channels seem to be filled with shows like "The Most Dangerous Catch," "Pawn Stars" and "Swamp

Loggers." Then there's the "Surreal Life" end of the spectrum. The general theme is that TV is populated by people who have no real business being there.

Don't get me wrong; I have no problem with the common man or woman getting the spotlight. But the kind of people who gravitate toward reality are clearly hamming it up. It's simply a function of reality TV: Remove what is beautiful and interesting about the everyday and replace it with something that is plastic and annoying.

It's like if the Mona Lisa had a boob job, botox and collagen-puffed lips.

And how does Sarah Palin fit into all of this? She's essentially the apotheosis of the ascendance of reality TV. Someone with no clear qualifications and who constantly shoved her supposed average American-ness in our faces for the sake of popularity could have become president.

Now I suppose we'll have to deal with the long, hard death of her fame. With lots of scheduling to fill up on 500-some channels, she'll probably be able to maintain her faux-prominence for a while yet.

The good thing? I never watched "Today" anyway.

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## Art workshop aims to help students of all ages

ANTHONY PICKENS  
Daily Egyptian

First-grader Joshua Cheng pointed to art on the display wall Saturday, showing his mother the drawings he'd been working on. The art ranged from portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso to pictures of birds inspired by the game "Angry Birds."

Cheng, a student at Parrish Elementary School in Carbondale, drew the three "Angry Birds" characters because he said he likes to play the game a lot.

Maya Benyas, a first-grader at Parrish, also had art on display. She created a Picasso-style portrait and said her picture of rain clouds was her favorite.

Cheng and Benyas had their work on display for The Young Artist Workshop held Saturday in Allyn Building. The exhibit featured art by children from area schools in the workshop. The workshop brought together children and SIU art students. The art students assumed the role of teachers and helped the children create their pieces, which

ranged from portraits and sketches to clay works and paper collages.

Barbara Bickel, assistant professor in the School of Art and Design and adviser of Saturday's workshop, said the event has been going on for more than 10 years and happens at least once per semester. The program draws children from Carbondale and nearby towns such as Marion and Murphysboro, she said.

With many elementary school art programs being cut, the workshop offers a place for students to get art experience outside of school, Bickel said.

She said there are two basic objectives for the program. One of them, she said, is to give art majors experience teaching children, who range from kindergarteners to sixth-graders. The workshop is a good way for undergraduate students to see if they are interested in teaching art in the future, Bickel said.

Another purpose of the program is to offer a service and learning opportunity to the community and get children interested in art, she said.

Cody Clark, a sophomore from Mt. Vernon studying art education, said he and other art students have been teaching the group of children since Feb. 4.

He said while the student teachers try to inspire children through artwork such as Picasso's, some children draw Mario Bros. and "Angry Birds" characters.

Sarah Kandell-Gritzmaker, a graduate student in ceramic art from Addison, Mich., and supervisor of the Young Artist Workshop, said the kids tend to be inspired by one another.

"As soon as one does something differently, they all do something differently," Kandell-Gritzmaker said.

She said the kids work with a wide range of tools including pencils, clay and paint.

During his experience teaching for the first time, Clark said it was easy to become attached to the kids, but that was also the hardest part.

Bickel said students often find it hard to say goodbye to the kids because they're so involved with them.

"It's an honor to teach art," she said.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## SIUC student goes from defense contracting to directing scene under Hollywood sign

**ANTHONY PICKENS**  
Daily Egyptian

Casey Lambert said he is looking to do something different with his life.

Though he’s spent much of the last several years overseas as a defense contractor, he went to Los Angeles with a film crew during spring break to shoot under the Hollywood sign for his senior thesis film, “GLX 1973.”

The film portrays George Lucas’ struggle to make “Star Wars” in the late ‘70s. The name refers to the working title of “Star Wars.”

However, along the way to shoot in Hollywood, Lambert encountered some problems.

It was difficult to get a permit to shoot around the Hollywood sign, which Lambert said he wanted to shoot near to add authenticity.

The scene his crew filmed depicts Lucas’ filming of an iconic scene of “Stars Wars,” when the character Luke Skywalker looks into the sunset after he’s told he must stay at his family’s farm on

the planet Tatooine. Lambert said the scene was filmed at the same location Lucas used.

Many film schools in California have systems in place for students to get permits and insurance, he said. However, since he’s a student at SIUC, the process of getting insurance and a permit was more challenging. The location costs a million dollars’ worth of liability damage, and he needed insurance to be able to cover that, he said.

“When I heard that number, I was a little taken back by it,” Lambert said.

He had to have permission from the property owners, prove he was a film student and have insurance to cover the liability, and show all of this before Film L.A, a nonprofit film permitting organization, would give him the go-ahead.

Lambert was able to meet all these requirements and was allowed to do the 3-hour-long shoot, he said. It was the only scene his crew filmed in California.

Since becoming a film student, Lambert, a senior from Herrin

studying cinema-photography, said he has been inspired to move into film production and away from the military.

While working in Afghanistan and Iraq as a defense contractor and being a student on and off in 2010, he said it was difficult trying to balance the two in his life.

“This is my second degree that I’m working on here ... I’m looking to change and do something else with my life,” Lambert said. “I’ve been in the Marine Corps for 14 years.”

Lambert said he spent an additional four years as a defense contractor for Intelligent Software Solutions. One of his duties, he said, was to train coalition forces in Afghanistan. During Lambert’s last time overseas, which lasted from January to July of 2011, he wrote the script for “GLX 1973.”

He has lost count of how much money he has spent in production of the film, he said, and is afraid to know the amount. All he knows is that it’s more than \$10,000, some of which was contributed by

crew members.

Lambert said he has paid for most of the production with money he earned as a defense contractor.

After coming back to the United States to start school for the fall 2011 semester, Lambert said he got the news his script would become a film for his production class with Robert Rowley, associate professor of cinema-photography.

Rowley said out of nine students, he chose only three to produce their scripts.

He said he chose Lambert’s script because it was both well-researched and well-written. It is also the largest and most ambitious student film he’s seen at the university, he said.

Douglas Vito, a senior studying cinema-photography who plays George Lucas in the film, said he doesn’t have much passion for acting but wanted to help Lambert in the production because its script was well-written.

“I had to help him,” Vito said.

During the production of “GLX 1973,” Vito said, there have been

challenges to playing Lucas. Vito said his main purpose for the character has been showing Lucas as a real person and not the larger-than-life interpretation fans have of him.

“A lot of people have very strong opinions of George Lucas, especially lately and how he’s changing ‘Star Wars’ and what not,” Vito said.

Lambert said his goal is to submit the movie for “The Star Wars Fan Film Challenge,” which is an event normally held during Comic-Con in the summer. He said he’s been a fan of the films since the original released in 1977, when he was 3 years old.

With “GLX 1973” now in post production, Lambert said he is a little nervous to show it to others.

“You never know how people are going to receive your film,” he said.

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## InterVarsity: talent unleashed



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Jhe Lisa Jamison, a senior from Chicago studying English, performs at the InterVarsity’s Got Talent show Saturday at Grand Avenue Christian Church in Carbondale. Other acts included bands, a spoken word performance and a vocal ensemble. A silent raffle was held, with prizes donated by local businesses.





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Associated Press

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Even if you're looking to become the next great philanthropist, your good deeds can't compete — at least in terms of dollars and cents — with that Gates guy. His foundation has given away close to \$26 billion since it was established in 1994.

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All told, you'll each have roughly 100 million reasons to call April 2, 2012, the best Monday morning of your life.

If you follow the advice of those who know money, you won't splurge on those big-ticket items that you can afford, such as a top-of-the-line Gulfstream G650 jet (\$64 million, excluding pilot, maintenance, hanger and fuel costs) and a place to fly it, your own private island (let's call that \$25 million even).

Had you won the whole pot, and invested the \$300 million conservatively, Steve Fazzari, an economics professor at Washington University in St. Louis, said you could have expected to collect a nice "salary" of about \$7 million "after taxes every year for the rest of your life and the rest of the life of your heirs."

Put another way, that's \$19,000 a day. Forever. And even a one-third share of that is pretty sweet. "If you put it in perspective, you're pretty rich," Fazzari said.

It's more than enough to join up with the 1 percent, which the Congressional Budget Office pegged as households with incomes that average more than about \$350,000 a year.

But it's still not all THAT much, at least according those buzzkills at Forbes. Just 30 years ago, the total after-taxes take of \$300 million would have been more than enough to land a single winner on the magazine's annual list of the 400 richest Americans. In 2011, you would have needed \$1.05 billion to tie four others for last place on a list topped by Gates.


In fact, your \$100 million isn't even two-tenths of 1 percent of Gates' estimated \$61 billion net worth. Using Fazzari's math on conservative investing, the Microsoft co-founder can expect to bring in an annual salary of \$1.4 billion — or 14 times your share of the historic jackpot.

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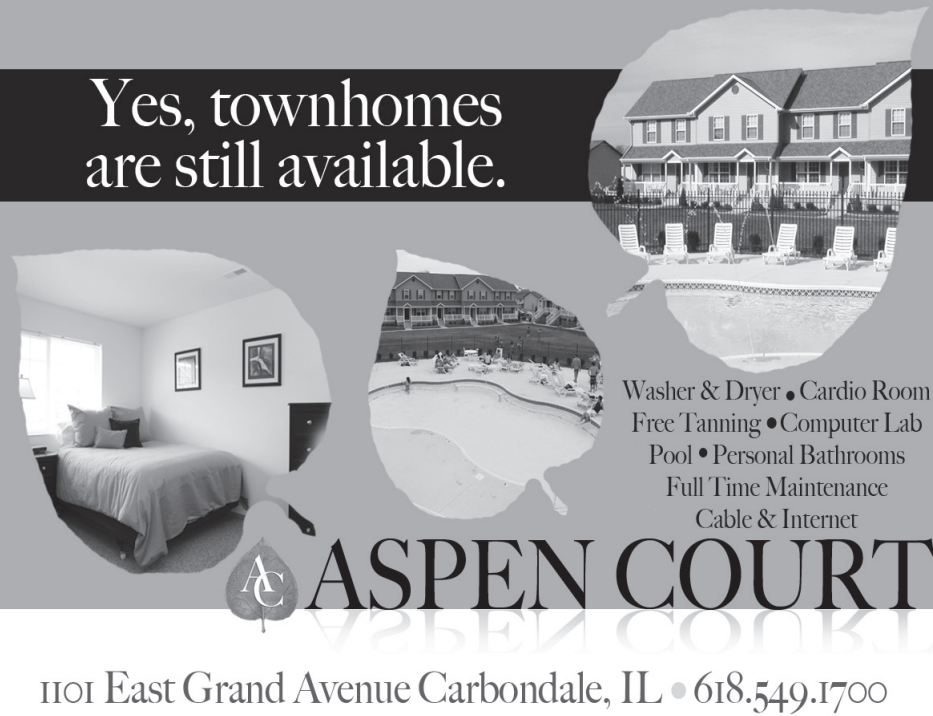
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**ACROSS**

- Keep a stiff upper \_\_\_\_; remain brave
- Quit
- Prefix meaning “against”
- Doodad
- Refuge
- “The Battle \_\_\_\_ State”; Nevada
- Neutral wall color
- Kick out, as tenants
- Housetop
- One-\_\_\_\_; 1%
- Disassemble
- “A Hard \_\_\_\_ Night”; Beatles song
- Eminem’s style
- Attack
- Foolish talk
- Unlocks
- Santiago, \_\_\_\_
- Wedding words
- \_\_\_\_ about; praise highly
- Luxury
- Declare openly
- Connect
- Temperamental
- USNA freshman
- Proclaim
- Redcap
- Peculiar
- Apple pie à la \_\_\_\_
- Under the covers
- Essential
- Genuine
- Rejoice
- Stag or doe
- In \_\_\_\_; lest
- Binge
- Slangy reply
- Hovels
- Not intoxicated
- To and \_\_\_\_; back and forth

**DOWN**

- Tell a fib
- Poison ivy symptom
- Nation whose capital is Lima
- Ladd or Tieg
- Roof edges
- Enthusiastic
- Religious splinter group
- Hold spellbound
- Sudden and unexpected
- Midday
- Stepped on
- News, for short
- Commonplace
- Speaker’s platform
- Hairy as an \_\_\_\_
- Vital artery
- Madrid’s nation
- Very early bedtime
- Bawl out
- Mrs. Munster
- Metal bolt
- Pueblo building brick material
- Strength
- Gator’s cousin
- Liking; partiality
- “So soon?”
- Wet dirt
- Pea casings
- Large amounts
- Placard
- Big brawl
- Overhead curved molding
- Boyfriend
- Orient
- 1967 Montreal World’s Fair
- Sidewalk edge
- Ridge of coral or sand
- 2012, for one
- Sorority letter

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 4/2/12

**Friday’s Puzzle Solved**

M	A	I	N	A	S	H	E	S	D	R	A	G	
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6	4	7	3	1	5	8	2	9
8	2	5	9	6	7	3	4	1
9	3	8	4	2	6	1	5	7
4	5	1	8	7	3	9	6	2
2	7	6	1	5	9	4	3	8
3	1	2	6	4	8	7	9	5
5	8	9	7	3	2	6	1	4
7	6	4	5	9	1	2	8	3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.  
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**Taurus — Today is a 7 —** Yesterday’s fool had pranks (or not). Today you may as well wait to make a move. The joke would fall flat. Keep planning, and analyze a strategy for success.

**Gemini — Today is a 7 —** Cash flow improves, and you feel more balanced now. It’s not as much as you hoped, or as little as you’d feared. Stick with the facts, and let the rest go.

**Cancer — Today is an 8 —** Abundance is yours. Sync schedules with your partner. Some of the things you try might not work, but your community has all the resources you need.

**Leo — Today is an 8 —** Don’t fear exploration and adventure. Finish tasks at work, work out the finances and make it happen. You have what it takes. Whatever you lack can be found close by.

**Virgo — Today is a 7 —** You may find an answer in a dream. You’re wiser than you realize. Big stories are just that. You feel more balanced and assured, so take on a new leadership role.

**Libra — Today is a 7 —** Meditate for equilibrium, and that peace gives you focus and strength to power through the day. It’s not a good day for travel. Distractions could tempt. Stick to basics.

**Scorpio — Today is a 6 —** Stick to your principles. Ask for what you want. Generate harmony at home. Friends and finances don’t mix for about thirty hours, so postpone money talk. Get some sunshine.

**Sagittarius — Today is a 7 —** Don’t fear the road less traveled. You’re likely to find romance along the way. Avoid financial risks, though. Trust your intuition and dance into the night.

**Capricorn — Today is a 6 —** When all else fails (or before it does), focus on the small details. It’s easy to get distracted from your financial goals. Adaptation is key. Watch the trail ahead.

**Aquarius — Today is a 7 —** Start the week with an injection of optimism and self-confidence. Focus on abundance, even if it seems impossible. You can rely on others, and they on you.

**Pisces — Today is an 8 —** Your imagination comes in handy to solve a work problem. Beware of a mirage, financially speaking. Reward yourself with good amounts of deep, delicious rest.



## TENNIS

CONTINUED FROM 12

In singles, Delsart won 6-4, 6-4 at the No. 1 position. Dien lost at No. 2 singles 6-3, 6-4 in a match where she inconsistently placed her shots and committed several unforced errors.

The singles players that remained defeated their opponents, all within two sets, and clinched the overall victory for SIU.

No. 3 singles Lee defeated her opponent 6-3, 6-4, and Tomishima won 6-1, 6-2 at four singles. Anastacia Simons won at fifth singles 6-1, 6-1, and Gisela Cairo Baza won as the sixth seed 6-1, 6-0.

Nothwehr said the team’s familiarity with Chicago State helped in its victory.

“We were able to be more aggressive today. Since we play this team every year, we knew a lot of their players, and knew we could win,” Nothwehr said.

As she heads into conference play, Lee said despite teams being familiar with one another, each season brings a different set of challenges.

“Our mindset is it’s a new year and it doesn’t matter what happened in the past,” Lee said. “Our confidence is high, so we’re going to come out and try to do really good in conference (play).”

Nothwehr said she has noticed growth from her young athletes since the start of the season, and with freshmen playing key roles, their play in conference will dictate how successful the team will be.

“You used to see them (freshmen) get really nervous in their matches,” Nothwehr said. “What I’m seeing now when they get into tiebreakers is that they know how to play the ball, how to play the important points, and they play so much smarter. You can see the experience.”

# Friends recall Micah True: passionate and playful

SUSAN MONTTOYA BRYAN  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Up mountainsides, through deserts and the wildest of rugged terrain, there was little that could break the serenity or solitude of Micah True as he ran. Only, perhaps, the pounding beat of his heart or the rhythm of his feet as they hit the trail, mile after mile after mile.

For True, running — the pure act of traveling relentlessly long distances — was a passion that needed no justification. To those who knew him well, it also brought forth an intense playfulness in the 58-year-old ultra-marathon runner.

“When he was out on the trail running, it was like someone just rang the school bell and said, ‘Recess.’ It was utter playfulness,” recalled Chris McDougall, a friend of True's and author of the nonfiction best-seller “Born to Run.”

True's body was discovered Saturday evening in a remote part of southern New Mexico's Gila Wilderness. The search began for him days earlier after he failed to return Tuesday from a 12-mile run.

He was found near a cold stream, his legs still in the water and his water bottle next to him, about a mile southeast of the Gila Cliff Dwellings.

The cause of death wasn't known Sunday. There were no obvious signs of trauma, and State Police Lt. Robert McDonald said it could take a couple of days before authorities know what happened.

But word of his death spread immediately through the community of runners, both amateur and accomplished, some of whom view True as an inspiration, a reason they took up the sport.

Friends and admirers also posted condolences and shared fond memories on social networking sites of a man who, by nearly all of those accounts, was a truly memorable person.

Barry Anderson, a manager at Runner's Den in Phoenix, said the sport would greatly miss True.

“He was both an international running celebrity, and the first person to smile and shake your hand when you crossed the finish line behind him,” Anderson wrote in a posting on Runner's Den Facebook page. “The fact that so many people from all over the country dropped everything and immediately went to his aid is testimony to the way he lived his life and the way he himself treated his friends.”

Many on Sunday described True in the most reverential and laudatory of terms, with “legendary” and “inspirational” chief among them.

Brian Metzler, who lives in Boulder, Colo., and edits the running magazine “Competitor,” had known True for about 12 years. He described True as “very real and very pure of heart” and someone who liked to “go out there and connect with the earth and connect with the world.”

“He was in it for spreading that gospel, spreading that joy of running,” Metzler said.

True was the race director of The Copper Canyon Ultra Marathon,

a 50-plus mile extreme race that took place in Urique, Mexico. This year's race marked a record turnout with hundreds of runners, most of them local Tarahumara, or Raramuri, Indians who are known for their extreme running. The prize money and corn vouchers awarded to finishers were all aimed at helping the Tarahumara.

True was featured in articles in running magazines and was a central character — known by his nickname, “Caballo Blanco” — in McDougall's “Born to Run.”

McDougall, who left New Mexico on Sunday after helping with the search, based his book on the first Copper Canyon run that True organized in 2003.

Without True, McDougall said he's not sure whether the Copper Canyon race will be able to continue. The Tarahumara are extraordinarily reclusive and True was able to build a relationship with them based on trust and confidence, he said.

“He is the only person, I think, in our lifetime who has done a great job of very respectfully bringing awareness of that tradition to the rest of the world and creating a race that is a celebration of who they are.”

A trail guide for hire, True spent his time traveling between Copper Canyon and Boulder, making stops now and then in New Mexico and Arizona.

Last Tuesday, True had a few hours to spare before leaving The Wilderness Lodge and Hot Springs, where he often stayed while in New Mexico. After eating breakfast, he set off on what would have been a

routine 12-mile run. He had run six miles the day before.

He left his dog at the lodge but never returned.

Dozens of searchers combed the rugged wilderness looking for him. Two of the best ultra-runners in the U.S. — Scott Jurek and Kyle Skaggs — joined McDougall and others who gathered from around the country to help.

McDougall, in a Twitter message sent late Saturday, said: “Caballo had the only funeral he would have wanted: his friends spent days running in the wilderness in his honor.”

Because True knew the area and wasn't one for trying new trails without being shown around, McDougall said they all hoped that he would walk out of the woods with “that goofy grin” on his face.

True's smile was recognizable by runners around the country.

Mark Cosmas, owner of iRun in Phoenix, said True was all about living life and helping other people enjoy running.

“He might not have been the fastest or the most talented, but the joy and the passion that he brought to the ultra-running community was just infectious,” Cosmas said.

Some found solace in the fact that True died doing what he loved most — what he did most every day of his life.

To grasp the importance of running to True and a glimpse of that playfulness all his friends talked about, look no further than the short greeting on his voice mail: “Chances are I'm either running up a mountain, or I'm drinking a cerveza ...”

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Women’s	Event	Time	Place
Runner: Amiris Warren (fresh.)	100-meter dash	11.76	3rd
Runner: Tess Shubert (soph.)	400-meter hurdles	59.69	2nd
Women’s	Event	Distance	Place
Jumper: Malaikah Love (sr.)	Long Jump	19-01.50	2nd
Jumper: Malaikah Love (sr.)	Triple Jump	40-11.75	1st
Thrower: Jeneva McCall (sr.)	Shot Put	57-03.75	1st
Thrower: Jeneva McCall (sr.)	Discus Throw	190-01	1st
Thrower: Ashley Gaston (fresh.)	Discus Throw	166-03	2nd
Thrower: DeAnna Price (fresh.)	Discus Throw	151-08	3rd
Thrower: Jeneva McCall (sr.)	Hammer Throw	218-11	2nd
Men’s	Event	Time	Place
Runner: Zach Dahleen (jr.)	800-meter run	1:50.97	2nd
Runner: Kyle Kirchner (sr.)	5,000-meter run	14:43.69	3rd
Athlete: Lucas Cherry (jr.)	300-meter steeplechase	9:25.57	1st
Men’s	Event	Height	Place
Vaulter: Cody Doerflein (sr.)	Pole Vault	17-06.50	1st
Men’s	Event	Distance	Place
Thrower: Collin Otto (sr.)	Hammer Throw	187.08	2nd

## Sun Belt Shootout leaves SIU with another winless weekend

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The SIU men’s tennis team struggled throughout during the Sun Belt Shootout on Saturday and Sunday in Tennessee.

The tournament was on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., where the Salukis faced 57th-ranked South Alabama (L, 4-0) University on Saturday, and Florida Atlantic University (L, 4-0) and Austin Peay University (L, 4-0) on Sunday. The Salukis continued to struggle during the tournament, as they lost seven of their last 10 matches.

During Saturday’s match against South Alabama, coach Dann Nelson said he wanted his team to focus on winning the big points, the set-up points and game points that would decide the match. Nelson also had has team practice at a higher intensity before the tournament.

Freshman Martijn Admiraal said he could feel the benefits of the conditioning during the three games in the two-day stretch.

But the Salukis were not successful against the Jaguars and were swept 4-0. The match started with doubles play, when No. 1 doubles partners Brandon Florez and Stanislas Rodier lost 8-3. Three seed doubles partners Badr Cherradi and Jordan Snyder lost 8-3 as well.

The second seed doubles match was unfinished because the match was already decided.

Despite the lopsided doubles scores,

Florez said his teammates did not lose because of a lack of effort.

“Even though we struggled, we picked up and rose our game to their level,” Florez said.

The Salukis were also swept in singles play as the Jaguars won three singles matches to decide the contest. Four seeded singles player Szymon Opieczonek lost 6-3, 6-2, two seed Cherradi lost 6-4, 6-3, and No. 1 seed Rodier lost 7-5, 6-2 to end the match.

Teams started with singles play Sunday, and for the Salukis the matches were decided before doubles play was necessary. The team was swept by FAU and Austin Peay, which resulted in the team's winless weekend.

Against FAU, Cherradi lost 6-1, 6-1, Admiraal lost 6-1, 6-3, and fifth seed Rafael Cuadrillero lost 6-2, 6-3.

Senior Orhan Spahic was able to force a third set in his match as the fourth seed but lost 6-2, 4-6, 6-0, ending the match against the FAU Owls.

After the match, the Salukis regrouped and played against Austin Peay, and SIU lost 4-0. Florez said while fatigue was a slight factor, shot selection was the greatest problem during the match.

Despite not winning a game during the tournament, Nelson said there were positives to take from the weekend, especially heading into conference play.

“We’ve been through the battles. We’ve played several nationally ranked teams now so we know what to expect,” Nelson said. “Today I saw a fight in my team that I hadn’t seen prior.”



## Salukis lose 2 of 3 on the road against Shockers

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While Cameron Maldonado, senior right-handed pitcher for the Salukis, threw a gem in his return to Wichita State on Saturday, the other pitchers failed in comparison, and SIU could only win one of three against the Shockers Friday through Sunday.

SIU (15-13, 3-3 Missouri Valley Conference) dropped the rubber match Sunday 10-7 to Wichita State (17-14, 2-1 MVC).

Nathan Dorris, junior left-handed pitcher for the Salukis, failed to pitch five innings in his third straight start Sunday, but freshman right-handed pitcher Sam Coonrod (1-1) took the loss after giving up five earned runs over the final three and a third innings.

The Salukis had eight more hits than Wichita State on their way to a 10-3 victory Saturday. Wichita State jumped out to a 3-0 lead after three innings against Maldonado, but the Shockers could only muster one hit after that point as Maldonado (3-0) cruised to a complete-game victory.

Sophomore shortstop Jake Welch had three RBIs on two hits Saturday, while senior designated hitter Brock Harding went 4-for-5 with four RBIs.

The Salukis were five outs away from victory Friday with sophomore right-handed pitcher Todd Eaton going for a two-inning save in the first game against Wichita State when the Shockers' pinch-runner Don Lambert stole second base, advanced to third on a passed ball, then scored on a single from Erik Harbutz to tie the game 3-3.

The blown save wasted a quality start from Saluki junior right-handed pitcher Cody Forsythe, who gave up two unearned runs on three hits in seven innings. He struck out seven.

The game remained 3-3 until the bottom of the 10th, when Lambert scored the winning run on a wild pitch from Saluki sophomore right-handed pitcher Aaron Snyder (1-2), who took the loss.

Saluki first baseman Chris Serritella hit his eighth home run, which leads the Missouri Valley Conference, in the top of the sixth. Serritella also boasts a conference-best 47 hits and .685 slugging percentage.

SIU returns Tuesday to play in a rematch on the road against Murray State. The Salukis fell 7-2 when the Racers came to Carbondale March 28.

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## Saluki softball takes back weekend conference series against Redbirds

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SIU's softball team claimed its first conference series victory against Illinois State since 2008 Sunday among nearly 180 cheering fans in a three-game Missouri Valley Conference series at the Charlotte West Stadium on Saturday and Sunday.

After losing three consecutive years to Illinois State, the Salukis (20-9, 7-2 MVC) jumpstarted their series Saturday against the Redbirds (20-15, 6-3 MVC) with split victories between the two teams. SIU lost the first game 5-0 but rebounded in game two and won 6-1.

With the series tied 1-1 after Saturday's matchups, the Salukis turned up their defensive and offensive game after the Redbirds scored the first run of Sunday's game in the top of the fourth inning. However, freshman pitcher Katie Bertelsen's strike-out pitches in the bottom of the fifth helped SIU win 2-1.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said Sunday's game was a good win for the team because people are now aware of what the team is capable of doing.

"It's important that we take care of series down the road, and it's good because people know now we can win," Blaylock said. "We don't have to be labeled as one way or the other."

Blaylock said the players remembered the difficulties they encountered in 2011, but Blaylock said she believed in her freshmen pitchers this year, even when she told Bertelsen



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**Sophomore infielder Taylor Orsburn tags first base to out an Illinois State University player Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis beat the Redbirds 6-1 and will play Saint Louis University at 3 and 5 p.m. Wednesday.**

she needed her to throw a strikeout.

"They all remember we lost in the last inning to (Illinois State) last year," Blaylock said. "This year I put two freshmen on the mound and one of them comes in and I asked her to throw strikes to the last hitter, and she did."

Bertelsen said when Blaylock substituted her into Sunday's game for starting freshman pitcher Alyssa Wunderlich, who got her eighth win of the 2012 season and third consecutive conference victory, Bertelsen knew what she had to do.

"We all did what we had to do," Bertelsen said. "I just came into the game and finished it for the team. Everybody is happy for the win."

Bertelsen's strikeout in the bottom of the fifth inning may have done it for the Salukis, but it was senior shortstop Haley Gorman's RBI double that led senior centerfielder Mallory Duran-Sellers to score the the team's first run.

"It was a low-scoring game, and (ISU pitcher Jordan Birch) is a good pitcher," Gorman said. "We knew what we were up against, but we came

out ready to go and came out on top."

Gorman said the team's defense and pitching against the Redbirds were key assets.

The Salukis will continue play Wednesday when they travel to St. Louis to take on the Billikens of Saint Louis University in a doubleheader.

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## Saluki women split weekend series

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The SIU women's tennis team bounced back as the Salukis captured a split during a two-game series this weekend.

The matches began Saturday against the University of Memphis with a 1-6 loss at the University Courts and concluded Sunday against Chicago State University with a 6-1 win. After Sunday's victory, the Saluki women are now 8-2 for their last 10 matches.

The play of junior Melanie Delsart sets the tone for the Salukis at the No. 1 singles spot. Delsart is on an eight-game winning streak, which includes a Saturday victory 7-6, 0-6, 10-7 against the 119th-ranked player in the nation, Memphis senior Tiffany Welcher.

Delsart said the ability to make adjustments and stay mentally focused helped her be successful.

"I am not playing at 100 percent physically, but I am playing better mentally than my opponents, and that is why I am winning," Delsart said.

Despite Delsart's win, the Salukis lost the match to the Tigers 6-1. The Tigers came into

Saturday's match ranked 55th in the nation and won all but one match during the contest.

No. 2 singles player Jennifer Dien lost 6-1, 6-3, No. 3 singles player Anita Lee lost 6-4, 7-5, and No. 3 singles player Natasha Tomishima lost 6-0, 6-3. All of their opponents were nationally ranked.

No. 5 singles player freshman Ariadna Cairo Baza lost 6-0, 6-2, and Gisela Cairo Baza was able to force a third set before losing 7-6, 2-6, 10-7.

Gisela Cairo Baza battled during the third set as Saluki fans and team members lined the far court in support. The twins both said they feed off fans' energy, and they have become more comfortable with collegiate tennis.

"(Cheering) helps a lot," Gisela Cairo Baza said. "I feel much more confidence now. My first match I was a little bit nervous, but I handle it better now."

The Salukis also struggled during doubles play against the Tigers. Seeds one through three lost 8-3, 8-1 and 8-3, respectively.

Coach Audra Nothwehr said the Memphis players used strength to overpower the Salukis during



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**Sophomore tennis player Korey Love talks with assistant athletic trainer Carly Schafer Sunday after her doubles match with junior tennis player Melanie Delsart at the SIU Tennis Courts. The Salukis played home matches Saturday and Sunday and finished the weekend 1-1.**

the match.

"They poached well, they moved well, they got really tight to the net. I think we were just shocked by their power," Nothwehr said. "Each one of them had huge forehands and serves, and that can really give you the advantage."

Sunday's match against

Chicago State was the last non-conference home meet, as SIU will face two Missouri Valley Conference teams on the road next week.

The Salukis went into conference play on a high note, defeating the Cougars 6-1.

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